

OUR PUBLIC FORUM



Peter Radford ON THE B'SINESS PREACHER.

The recent confession of Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis from the pulpit of the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, that he erred in becoming secular in many respects the most important statement made from the American pulpit in this generation and if it marks the high tide of ministerial lust for worldly power that has been flooding this country for the past quarter of a century then Dr. Hillis has not erred in vain.

It must be said to the credit of this noted divine that his purpose in stepping out of the pulpit was to acquire the means of rendering a more capable service to those who need and deserve assistance, but the pathway from the pulpit to the world is always strewn with good intentions. Satan knows as well how to tempt a saint as he does a sinner and he has lured many a minister down the primrose pathway of worldly power to ruin, for no one knows better than his satanic majesty how easy it is to get a preacher to enter business or politics "in the name of the Lord."

The laymen of this nation have viewed with alarm and the world with derision, the growing tendency of ministers of the gospel to abandon the pulpit as a power against evil and seek the influence of worldly agencies to put into effect their Christian ideals. The man who has not sufficient faith in the power of religion to grapple with the sins of this world ought not to be in the pulpit and if he wants to accumulate wealth in order to relieve poverty or wield a scepter in order to enforce morality, then he ought to be a banker or a mayor, instead of a preacher.

The two great temptations that confront the Christian ministry today are business and politics and between the two evils, Dr. Hillis chose the least and by his able conduct has turned error to his credit and transgression to the advantage of the pulpit. It is no compliment to say a preacher is a sharp trader or a smooth politician and certainly no applicant for the ministry would offer such qualifications as evidence of equipment for Christian work, and ministers engaged in undue activities in either field become a menace to the church and a peril to the state.

It is true the ministers, as a class, are underpaid, but their average income will exceed that of the average farmer. Stocks and bonds, land and securities, politics and the lecture platform have tempted many a preacher, but the plow handles are without sin so far as luring the minister from the pulpit is concerned. Any preacher who feels the inclination to abandon the pulpit should plow a few rounds and I venture the suggestion that he will hurry back to the pulpit.

Now that Dr. Hillis has led the business preacher "back to the pulpit" will some one of our leading political preachers confess their sins and lead their wayward brethren back to the fold?

Man Unfit to Trust.

Beware of him who flatters you, and commands you to your face, or to one who he thinks will tell you of it; most probably he has either deceived and abused you, or means to do so. Remember the fable of the fox commending the singing of the crow, who had something in her mouth which the fox wanted.—Hale.

From the Shoulder.

"What do you consider the most despicable creature in the world?" he asked, by way of uncocking a little conversation. "The man who knows he can't dance, but won't admit it," she retorted, glancing at her pumps, which showed evidence of frequent contact with his oxfords.

Too Many Tongues.

A suffrage talk and loud rings on a cowbell put to flight two highwaymen who waylaid a party of women in New Jersey on a recent day. "What is this?" asked one highwayman of another, and the latter, not knowing, replied by flight precipitate, in which his colleague joined.—Springfield Republican.

Something About Truth.

Truth is something infinitely greater and more comprehensive than mere fact; it is anything which records, reflects or symbolizes not only life as it is, but life as it ought to be, and as hopeful faith believes it sometime, somewhere will be—the opening of a window toward Heaven.—Caryl B. Storrs.

Goethe's Criticism.

Our relations are far too artificial and complicated, our nutriment and mode of life without their proper nurture and our social intercourse is without proper love and good will. Every one is polished and courteous, but no one has the courage to be hearty and true.—Goethe.

Freedom of a City.

Gratuitous admission to the rights of citizenship is a franchise of merely historical interest and is conferred only as a token of honor in the form of a public address enclosed, with the roll of freemen, in a gold or silver casket.

Long Pull.

Personally, we never expect to have any trouble with our appendix. We think the dentist pulled it out when he fetched that tooth.—Galveston News.

Source of His Ambition.

"I have always wanted to be a detective," confessed Casper Cavstick, "so that I could poke my nose into other people's business while minding my own business."—Exchange.

Need of Care and Method.

Without care and method the largest fortune will not, and with them almost the smallest will, supply all necessary expenses.—Lord Chesterfield.

There is at my farm, six miles south of Arcadia, a red heifer with white face, two horns, marked with two spots in the right ear and one in the left; coming two years old. The owner will please call and get her.

FRED EIMER,
R. R. 1, Arcadia, Mo.

FOR SALE—Four marked Collie Dogs; \$5.00 for female; \$7.50 for male. Do everything but talk.

T. A. COMRAD,
Arcadia, Mo.

Gingham Paper Dolls.

There are some cut-out dolls of gingham and paper that children like. The bodies are traced on checked gingham, and the colored paper arms, legs and head are cut out and pasted on the bodies.

Business Based on Credit.

The checks which pass through the clearing house in London and New York in one month in normal times exceed the value of all the existing gold and silver coin in the world.

Unlucky Superstition.

Superstition is what makes a man liable to be run over by a truck while he is out in the road trying to see the new moon over his right shoulder.

Artificial Gold Fish.

The artificial coloring of gold fish to meet prevailing tastes by keeping them in water containing certain chemicals is extensively carried on in Sicily.

Why Foot Races Are Fixed.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again, but before it gets all the dust brushed off the lie has gained five miles.—Toledo Blade.

True Martyr Soon Passes.

People who talk about themselves as martyrs never are. A true martyr never survives to enjoy his success.

Encouraged by Trust.

Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly and they will show themselves great.—Emerson.

Disperse Immediately.

When a dollar is once broken it is a waste of time looking around for the pieces.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Notice to "Gentlemen."

"Gentlemen are requested not to comb their beards at table" is the notice posted in a hotel in Switzerland.

Optimistic Thought.

Better make penitents by gentleness than hypocrites by severity.

To Remove Paint.

To remove paint from glass rub with hot vinegar.

Daily Thought.

Most potent, effectual for all work whatsoever is wise planning, firm, combining and commanding among men.—Carlyle.

Appearances Deceptive.

Beware, so long as you live, of judging men by their outward appearance.—La Fontaine.

Here, Quit That.

Many a man's spotless reputation is due to the fact that he has never been caught.—Columbus Enquirer-Sun.

Optimistic Thought.

Good-natured people make the best of things.

Ed Reed, the expert wagon maker now in the employ of R. E. Johnston, at Bellevue, and who is turning out some first-class wagons. All purchasers are pleased. Call and see him.

Stark's Trees that grow and bear. R. O. Marks, salesman, Pilot Knob, Mo.

And It's Wilson Four Years More.

The frost is on the elephant, The mule is at the corn; The bull moose has scented danger And has fled from Teddy's horn; Sullivan and Taggart and Murphy are awful sore, But the people all are happy, For it's Wilson four years more. Thank you, Hughes, for that good hammer And its constant, knock, knock, knock, For it made a vote for Wilson With each ticking of the clock; Each blow the tolling of a bell Rang out to a roar; Rang you and Teddy both to war, And it's Wilson four years more. Trundle out your biggest guns And ring the bells for joy And burn red fire by the ton And hold your banners high; We'll send the echoes to the skies From ocean's shore to shore, Let praise from every heart arise, 'Tis Wilson four years more. We've traded Hughes for Brandies, And laid Hughes on the shelf, For a man who worships justice Swapped a worshiper of pelf. Rejoice, the ebb of graft and cant, Let shout and cannon roar, The frost is on the elephant, 'Tis Wilson four years more. And were our ears attuned to hear The voices that are gone Come floating down our atmosphere To join the rising tone, We'd hear the shouts Blaine and Grant And Washington outpour; The frost is on the elephant, 'Tis Wilson four years more. And Jefferson again would join And Lincoln, Garfield, too; And Fremont for the Golden state Would raise a glad halloo. Rejoice, the ebb of graft and cant, Let shout and cannon roar; The frost is on the elephant, 'Tis Wilson four years more.

WARREN H. EDDY,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Granite for Road Surfacing.

(Farmington Times.)
The writer was out motoring last Sunday afternoon with an observant friend who is familiar with road conditions all over the county. Passing over Stone and along the road to Iron Mountain, the wealth of granite stone is very noticeable. "What a pity," he remarked, "that our County Court can't see the wisdom and economy of crushing this granite stone and surfacing our roads with it, instead of the rotten lime stone that is being used for this purpose and which is continually being ground to dust and swept away by wind and rain, so that the roads are continually needing patching up—an expensive proceeding in the long run. This granite would make roads that would last and cost little to keep up." We were impressed with the suggestion, and were told that he had more than once urged this matter on the County Court, but that that body had so far taken no action upon the suggestion. Whether this is because of some idea of false economy and that it would add too much to the cost of road building because of the distance the material would have to be hauled to some points, we do not know. Of course the cost would be a little greater, but when the advantages to be obtained, the solidity and permanency of the roads are taken into consideration, would it not be economy in the long run? But Stone and the long stretch between Doe Run and Iron Mountain are not the only places in the county rich in granite formation. Splendid granite quarries are also to be found all around Knob Lick. Not knowing much about what would make good road material, we suggested to our friend that the hardness of granite and the rough edges of the material would increase the wear and tear of vehicles, and especially of the rubber tires of motor cars. But that, according to his theory, would be no greater than results from crushed lime stone, and it soon would become so compact and smooth as to sweep aside such objection.

John E. Franklin and C. E. Marsh are indicted.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

John E. Franklin, president of the defunct Bankers' Trust Co., and Charles S. Marsh, who was secretary of the company, have been indicted by the Federal grand jury, it was learned to-day, on charges arising from the company's collapse two and one-half years ago. The indictments were returned last Saturday, but were withheld from publicity at that time, with a view to getting service on the indicted men.

Although the indictments have not yet been made public, it is understood that one covers the general operations of the Bankers Trust Co. and that the other contains specific allegations of fraud in connection with the financial associations of the Bankers Trust Co. with the First National Bank of Little Rock, Ark., which failed shortly after the collapse of the Bankers Trust Co.

The Bankers Trust Co. was a holding company, owning stock in a chain of country banks throughout the Middle West. It had no depositors.

The indictments follow an extended investigation by Postoffice inspectors into the use of the mails in the business transactions of the Bankers' Trust Co. The company had a proprietary interest in a chain of rural banks in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. At the time of its failure, it was found to have been borrowing heavily from these banks.

The stock of the company fell from \$190 a share to \$70, on the market, within five weeks, and within three weeks more it went down to \$39. It was charged, at that time, that the stock had been inflated in value by the payment of dividends which had no basis in earnings of the company.

Suggested Changes in Postal Rates.

WASHINGTON, November 25.—The ways are now being greased for the launching of the movement for the readjustment of postal rates in the next session of Congress. This problem was to have been taken up in the last session but had to be deferred on account of the consideration required by railway mail pay. Since this has been disposed of the committees are prepared to take up the matter of placing the various postal rates on a more equitable basis.

A zone system of rates for second class matter is being prominently urged to take the place of the present flat rate which was adopted nearly forty years ago. The present rates have for some time been regarded as a discrimination against the newspapers in favor of the great national magazines. Like the parcel post the proposed zone rates would be based on the length of the haul.

The postal committees have been besieged by petitions bearing millions of names and several hundred thousand letters from individuals urging a readjustment of postal rates with a view of making possible one cent letter postage. A survey of the situation indicates that sufficient changes will be made in the various rates to permit the granting of a 1 cent rate on local delivery letters in the next session of Congress.

Chairman Moon of the House Postal Committee, to-day said: "I think that the Committee will take up this second-class mail matter at the next session and press it to a conclusion at once. While I cannot speak for the Committee, this is my desire in the matter. I do not know what kind of a bill we will pass, whether it will have a zone feature attached to it or not. This view has been presented frequently in years past, and sometimes received favor and sometimes not. As to what shape the legislation will be in I am not able to say, but I am sure the Committee will give it the best possible shape in the public interest."

Commenting on the proposed changes in the rates on letters, Congressman William P. Borland of Missouri, said: "In view of the persistent and general demands being made by merchants and small users of the mails for a more equitable adjustment of the letter rates of postage Congress would be justified in taking some definite action this session on the proposition. It has always been my belief that the cost of transportation should have some bearing on fixing the various rates of postage. The special local rate, as proposed, would be a great boon to the small business man as it would be the means of opening up an additional patronage, although the benefits to be derived by the average patron of the service would be proportionally great."

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surface. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O., Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Spell It Out.

An exchange carries the information that the post office department has made a new ruling with regard to the addresses on letters, to the effect that the names of states shall no longer be abbreviated but spelled out in full. This will prevent much of the misreading of important mail matter and greatly lessen the labor of postal employees on trains and in the various offices.

Abbreviations of such states as California and Colorado, Maine and Missouri, etc., are very similar, especially when written out in long hand, and quite often mail is seriously delayed by reason of the address being misread and the matter dispatched wrongly. When the writer was postmaster at Van Buren, as an instance, scarcely a day passed when from one to a half dozen letters were not received which should have gone

to Van Buren, Maine, and often a letter intended for Van Buren, Arkansas. Spell it out and insure prompt and proper handling of your mail.

Live Stock Fair at Chicago.

At the close of the world war now in progress in Europe, the live stock business of the United States will face its greatest era of prosperity. The reason for this is evident, for before agricultural activities can be renewed on the devastated farms of war-ridden Europe, those farms must be restored with horses and all kinds of breeding stock, which the ravages of the war have so materially reduced in numbers.

Where will Europe go to supply this demand for horses, cattle, swine and sheep? Who can supply these units so necessary for profitable agricultural work? America, and America only. And, to meet this demand for breeding stock, it behooves the American live stock farmer to begin at once his preparations to have his stock in shape to stand inspection of foreign buyers who will scour this country when Europe lays aside the sword to take hold of the plow handles once more.

During the first week of December, there will be held at Chicago, Illinois, the largest exhibition of horses, cattle, swine, and sheep in this country, and possibly the largest in the whole world. It is the International Live Stock Exposition, where more than 4500 pure-bred fat animals, foremost representatives of all the well known breeds of horses, cattle, swine and sheep, will face the judges in competition for a fortune in prizes. Classes of individuals, herds, and carload lots will be shown, and champions and grand champions chosen.

What is the meaning of this great gathering of domestic animals—the aristocracy of the animal world—to exhibit before the eyes of the public the choicest product of breeding, to bring forth the best pieces of men who have made breeding their life work.

What does it do for the fortunate visitor and spectator? If he has a breeder's love for animals, it cannot fail to awaken in him a desire to improve his work. The sight of these excellent individuals is enough to inspire any one with a desire to produce even better ones.

Even for one who is not a breeder of live stock, the International is well worth visiting. It affords an opportunity to get away from home, see some of the world outside, and become acquainted with your distant neighbors. See what the other fellow is doing to make a better world, and incidentally pick up some pointers on animal breeding, which are bound to be circulating where so many experts are gathered. Take your wife, daughters and sons along, make it a vacation trip for the whole family, for you will find entertainment for all at this show.

Reduced railroad fare will be in effect from all points to Chicago, which affords everyone an opportunity to see the big city on the lake as well as this greatest of live stock exhibits at reduced expense. Ask your local agents concerning these rates.

Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1916:

Days of Week.	Day of Month.	Temperature Highest.	Lowest.	Precipitation.
Wednesday.	15	37	9	
Thursday.	16	57	14	
Friday.	17	50	28	
Saturday.	18	66	20	
Sunday.	19	69	25	
Monday.	20	68	30	
Tuesday.	21	57	33	

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. W. H. DELANO, Observer.

A Mother's Gratitude.

Many a Mother in Ironton Will Appreciate the Following.

Many a strong man and many a healthy woman has much for which to thank mother. The care taken during their childhood brought them past the danger point and made them healthy men and women. Thousands of children are bothered with incontinence of urine, and inability to retain it is oftentimes called a habit. It is not always the children's fault—in many cases the difficulty lies with the kidneys, and can be readily righted. An Ironton mother tells how she went about it.

Mrs. Anderson Rust, Ironton says: "One of my children suffered from weak kidneys and was caused much annoyance by too frequent passages of the kidney secretions, especially at night. I doctored the child and tried a lot of remedies but with no benefit. Finally Doan's Kidney Pills were tried and they gave wonderful relief. This medicine regulated the kidney action and deserves endorsement."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Rust recommends. Foster-McBarn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

Obituary.
Died—In St. Louis, November 12, 1916, Murtie B. Sloan (nee McCabe) wife of W. A. Sloan, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. McCabe of Graniteville, Mo. She leaves a husband, two children, a father and mother, two brothers and one sister, together with a host of relatives and friends, to mourn her departure.

She was a devoted wife, a kind and affectionate mother, and a friend to all. To know her was to love her; with a kind word and pleasant smile she greeted all. After a brief illness of but a few short days and the messenger of death came on a hasty Sabbath mission claiming the soul of a dearly beloved mother and severing forever the tender tie that binds the child to home, robbing the fireside of its richest treasure. How uncertain indeed is life and how sure is death.

"Watch therefore for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

When all had been done that loving hands could do we leaned by faith on the unseen hand of Him who said, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end," and in humble submission said, Thy will, O Lord, be done, like Job of old; the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Weep not dear one as those who have no hope; behind this dark cloud of bereavement he hides a smiling face. Dear children, though you have no longer a mother's tender counsel nor her loving watchful care put your trust early in Jesus who promises to lend a listening ear and remember the cries of the orphans. She was laid to rest in the Middlebrook Cemetery to await the Resurrection morn, where parted friends again shall meet.

Dearest mother, thou hast left us, And thy loss we deeply feel, But 'tis God who hast bereft us—none. He can all our sorrows heal.

A RELATIVE.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Whereas, William Warren and Esther Warren, his wife, by their certain deed, dated the 1st day of April, 1914, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, in Book 62, Page 230, conveyed to D. Edgar Fletcher, trustee, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Iron and State of Missouri, to wit:

All of the south half of the southeast quarter of section one, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section twelve, township thirty-two, north, of range 3 east; also about 36 acres, being the north part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of said section twelve, in said township thirty-two, north, of range three east, and described more particularly as follows: Beginning on the east boundary line of said northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of said section twelve, at a point 200 feet north of the southeast corner of said northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, run thence north with the east boundary line of said northwest quarter of the northeast quarter to northeast corner thereof, thence west with north boundary line of said northwest quarter of the northeast quarter to northwest corner thereof, thence south with west boundary line of said northwest quarter of the northeast quarter to southwest corner thereof, run thence in a northwesterly direction along and with the center of the bed of a certain branch to the place of beginning, containing, in all, 150 acres, more or less. (This deed of trust subject to a School Fund Mortgage for \$350.00, dated February 23d, 1910, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Iron County, Missouri, in Book 38, page 284.)

Which conveyance was made in trust to the said D. Edgar Fletcher, to secure the payment of five certain promissory notes more particularly described herein.

And, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said notes and interest, now past due and unpaid;

Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said notes, and in pursuance of the terms of the said deed of trust, I, the undersigned trustee, will, on

Saturday, the 9th day of December, 1916, at the east front court house door in the City of Ironton, Iron County, Missouri, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M. of that day, sell, at public vendue, the above described real estate and property to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said notes and the costs and expense of this trust.

D. EDGAR FLETCHER, Trustee.
Ironton, Mo., November 6, 1916.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF

The Bank of Arcadia Valley,

(No. 1849)

AT ARCADIA, STATE OF MISSOURI,

At the Close of Business on the 17th

Day of November, 1916,

Published in the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, a newspaper printed and published at Ironton, State of Missouri, on the 30th day of November, 1916.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good, on personal or collateral \$28,754.25
Loans, real estate 10,887.00
Overdrafts 405.02
Real estate (banking house) 2,584.99
Furniture and fixtures 2,387.27
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check 18,465.92
Cash items 503.11
Currency 17,260.00
Specie 811.85

Total \$66,045.41

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in \$10,000.00
Surplus fund 1,500.00
Undivided profits, net 38.2
Individual deposits subject to check 37,798.84
Time certificates of deposit 16,707.95

Total \$66,045.41

STATE OF MISSOURI,) ss.
COUNTY OF IRON,) ss.

We, D. Edgar Fletcher, as President, and A. J. Boardman, as Cashier, of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

D. EDGAR FLETCHER, President.
A. J. BOARDMAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 23d day of November, A. D. nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring February 23, 1919.)
(SEAL) R. L. BARGER,
Notary Public.

C. L. COLLINS,
J. B. HOLLOMAN,
JOHN ADRIAN,
Directors.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF

Bellevue Valley Bank

(No. 1900)

AT BELLEVUE, STATE OF MISSOURI,

At the Close of Business on the 17th

Day of November, 1916,

Published in the IRON COUNTY REGISTER, a newspaper printed and published at Iron